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SAC NEW YORK  
5-14-52

RE: ALEXANDER BARMINE

LMS 1-1

Dates of Contact:

2/1/52, 4/15/52.

Summary of Information  
Furnished:

**GIR-61**  
This individual is a former Soviet diplomat who broke with them in late 1937. He came to the U. S. in 1940. During the course of the above 2 contacts he could not furnish any information although pictures of subjects of current Bureau cases were shown to him. However due to his background and broad knowledge of the Soviets, future contact will be maintained with him.

Value of Information  
Furnished:

In the past information from this source has been of great value to the Bureau and it is believed that any information obtained from him in the future will likewise be of value.

Labor Union Affiliation:

None

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July 31, 1952

ALEXANDER GREGORY BARMINE  
Born: August 16, 1899  
Mohileff, Russia

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SECURITY INFORMATION

A review of the records of this Bureau has disclosed that this individual is a former Soviet Diplomat who broke with the Soviets in late 1937. He came to the United States in 1940. In the past he has furnished valuable information of an intelligence nature to this Bureau. However, it is to be noted that the Department of Justice has been furnished with a copy of the report of Special Agent Frank J. Knoth dated March 26, 1952, at Detroit, Michigan, and of Special Agent John M. Collins dated March 7, 1952, at New York City, in the case entitled "Alexander G. Barmine, etc. and Jakob Hryhoriev, etc., Espionage-R."

Your attention is directed to those reports inasmuch as they appear to relate to the individual inquired about. It is presumed that the information is available to you.

100-176949 Serials 31 and 32

For your additional consideration, however, there are transmitted herewith nine reports relating to the individual inquired about.  
123-1869

The foregoing information is being furnished as the result of your request for an FBI file check and is not to be construed as a clearance or a nonclearance. It is for your confidential information and is not to be disseminated outside of your agency.

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J. E. Foley:jch

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To: MR. A. H. BELMONT  
From: W. A. BRANIGAN  
Subject: ALLEGED COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES IN  
THE U. S. INFORMATION AGENCY  
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING  
(ESPIONAGE)

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Barmine interviewed 10-13-54. Advised he absolutely has no knowledge concerning persons known to him to be Communists employed by USIA and knows of no espionage activities or suspected espionage on part of any employees of USIA. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

At outset of interview, Barmine was demanding; tried to learn identity of interviewing Agent's supervisor and SAC; wanted to know who directed the Agent to him; stated despite his friendly relations with Bureau and high regard for Bureau's integrity, he

Attachment

cc - 1 - Mr. Nichols  
cc - 1 - Mr. Stanley  
cc - 1 - Mr. Callan

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learned recently of certain "limitations" of the Bureau, and indicated there appeared to be much public speculation concerning access by Congressional and Government officials to FBI files despite their traditional reputation of being confidential. Stated if assured information he could give would not reach National Security Council or the high level of his own agency, he might consider furnishing same. Said he considers Noone derelict in turning over the security aspects of the previous matter to policy-making personnel of USIA. Suggested names of three persons who could furnish pertinent information re mishandling of VOA program.

RECOMMENDATION:

(1) Since Barmine has no information regarding Communist or espionage activities within USIA and has refused to furnish information re such matter previously made available to Messrs. Walsh and Noone of USIA, it is recommended that no further action be taken and that the substance of his current information be furnished to Mr. Charles M. Noone, Security Officer of the USIA.

(2) It is further recommended that Barmine be recontacted and that it be thoroughly explained to him that Bureau files or the contents thereof are not furnished to unauthorized persons, in accordance with SAC Letter 54-39, Section (D), dated August 3, 1954, that WFO submit explanation for not complying with this SAC Letter.

A letter to Mr. Noone of the USIA and a letter to the WFO are attached for approval.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-176949)

FROM : SAC, New York (66-6209)

SUBJECT: ALEXANDER G. BARMINE, aka

DATE: 6/14/55

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The records of the Department of Immigration and Naturalization Service, NYC, reflect that ALEXANDER GREGORY GRAFT BARMINE was born on 8/16/99 at Mohileff, Russia. He arrived in the United States at N.Y. on 1/8/40. His wife's name was given as MARY (MARI) and two children were noted, names not given. He served in the U.S. Army from 12/4/42 to 3/22/43, ASN 3265473. He became a U.S. citizen in the Southern District of New York on 7/15/43.

"Harper's Magazine", February, 1951, contained a sketch on BARMINE. The sketch reflected that until August, 1937, he was Soviet Charge d' Affaires at Athens, Greece. He fled to this country to escape Russian political trials. In 1919 he had joined the Communist Party and entered the Red Army as a volunteer, fighting in the civil war as a private. Later he was appointed a political commissar and in 1929 was assigned to a school for Red Officers.

He held several commands in the Army during the campaign against Poland. In 1933 he was retired with the rank of Brigadier-General and was appointed Soviet Consul General in Greece. In the ten years between 1925 and 1935 he was attached to the Commissariat for French Trade and he served in various capacities throughout Europe. He was also President of the Soviet Syndicate for Export of Arms and Mechanical Goods. In December, 1935 he was appointed to the Soviet Legation at Athens.

Mrs. MARI BARMINE, ALEXANDER'S ex-wife, stated that upon his break with the Soviets in 1937 they went to live in Paris and BARMINE got a job there with Air France, reserving places for passengers on planes and directing passengers. He was with this company until 1940. During this period BARMINE wrote several articles for newspapers and they paid a brief visit in 1938 to New York.

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Upon their later arrival in the U.S. in 1940, BARMINE got a job for a few weeks as a laborer in an iron factory called Salterini Company. Later he worked as a package wrapper at the New York World's Fair, while Mrs. BARMINE gained employ as a textile designer. They resided briefly in Key West, Florida where they bought a small house, but they returned to New York in early 1941. BARMINE became a radio translator for the National Broadcasting Company at Bellmore, Long Island, and subsequently for OSS when OSS took over operation of the listening post at Bellmore.

He also began to write for "Reader's Digest" and continued with this magazine until 1946. After this, Mrs. BARMINE became the main financial support of the family, BARMINE being occupied only with the handling of their small real estate holdings at Key West, Florida and Fort Salonga, Long Island. Owing to incompatibility aggravated by this state of affairs, BARMINE, with his wife's consent, obtained a divorce in Florida, which became final in July, 1946.

~~BARMINE~~, it is believed, is now married to the former EDITH K. ROOSEVELT, who is some 29 years his junior.

It is noted in the files that BARMINE has written anti-Communist articles for a number of magazines. G.B. PUTNAM'S, publisher, in 1944 published a book, of which he was author, entitled "One Who Survived." This is extremely anti-Communist in tenor.

For the past several years, BARMINE has been associated with the Voice of America. In October, 1954 the Voice permanently transferred him from New York to Washington, D.C. His latest mailing address, as known to the NYO, is c/o Russian Branch IBS/BME, United States Information Agency, Washington 25, D.C., and he is located in Room 2300, Old Social Security Building, 336 Independence Avenue SE, Washington, D.C.

#### RELATIVES BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN

BARMINE'S former wife advised, in 1948, that BARMINE'S two sons, BORIS and ALEXANDER BARMINE, were still in Soviet Russia and he had not seen them since 1937. But, she said, BARMINE had cut all his bridges behind him, had prospered in the U.S., was entirely loyal to the U.S., and no threats by the Soviet Government against his sons would deter BARMINE from taking action favorable to the U.S.

#### TYPE OF INFORMATION FURNISHED

Although BARMINE claims never to have participated in Soviet Intelligence work, he had displayed a broad knowledge of Soviet Intelligence operations up to 1937 and he was acquainted with a number of individuals engaged in this work. He was contacted by the NYO from April, 1951 until the Fall of 1954, when he moved to Washington, D.C. He was cooperative and the information furnished by him is believed to be reliable and valuable.

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The former Mrs. BARMINE advised in August, 1948 that during 1945 she and her then husband had become acquainted with the ARCHIBALD ROOSEVELTS and had spent the summer of 1946 at their home at Cold Spring Harbor, Long Island. BARMINE convinced himself he was in love with [redacted], and she with him, and he intended to marry her. BARMINE became so emotionally upset that since their divorce in 1946 he had visited her (Mrs. MARI BARMINE) almost daily, cried on her shoulder and told her that he could not leave her, although he also continued to visit with [redacted] and expected to marry her.

Mrs. BARMINE further stated that BARMINE was a coward. During her entire married life he was possessed of a great fear, apparently as the result of his youth in the Soviet Union. When she was first married to BARMINE he was so fearful of Soviet agents that he insisted on her actual physical presence with him during the twenty-four hours of the day.

As a reflection on BARMINE'S character, it is noted that, according to Mrs. MARI BARMINE, they lived together in an intimate relationship for about two years before their marriage in October, 1938. The marriage took place after her divorce from her former husband, COSTAS PAPAZOLGOU.

The former Mrs. BARMINE'S statements abouts BARMINE'S emotionalism were supported by Mr. ARCHIBALD B. ROOSEVELT, who stated in August, 1948, that he considered BARMINE loyal to the U.S. and of good character, but opposed his marriage to [redacted] not only because of the difference in their ages (BARMINE 49, [redacted]) but also because of BARMINE'S emotionalism, which had caused his daughter also to become over-emotional.

Likewise, Mr. MELVILLE MINTON, President of G.B. Putnam's Sons, publishers of BARMINE'S book, "One Who Survived", declared he had been glad to see the last of BARMINE because BARMINE had constantly interfered with the publishing details of the book, had proved extremely excitable and was a difficult man to manage.

Mr. ISAAC DON LEVINE, Editor of "Plain Talk" magazine, said in August, 1948 that he had broken off connections with BARMINE two years previously because he had become disgusted with BARMINE'S constant bickering with Mr. MINTON of Putnam's Sons, Publishers of BARMINE'S book. He related that MAX EASTMAN had helped BARMINE in the preparation of the book, "One Who Survived." They had signed a contract to divide the proceeds on a 50-50 basis and Doubleday & Company had originally paid an advance of \$800, which they had divided in equal parts of \$400 apiece. Thereafter, Doubleday and Company had refused to publish the book on the grounds that it was anti-Soviet at a time when the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. were allies in a war.

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MELVILLE MINTON, President of Putnam's Sons, Publishers, agreed to publish the book and MINTON made all his payments to BARMINE. BARMINE thereafter refused to pay MAX EASTMAN the money he owed him, which amounted to thousands of dollars.

LEVINE related that MAX EASTMAN, returning from a trip to Cuba, had stopped at BARMINE'S Key West, Florida home to speak to him about his share of the proceeds. BARMINE abused him roundly and would not even admit him to the house.

Does this incident, if true and not colored, reflect upon BARMINE'S integrity? Mr. WILLIAM L. WHITE, Editor of the Reader's Digest, stated in August, 1948 that BARMINE had resigned from his \$600-per-month position at "Reader's Digest" because the magazine was not calling on him to do enough work. Mr. WHITE cited this as an indication of BARMINE'S integrity. It may be, therefore, that the EASTMAN incident reflects rather on BARMINE'S volatile temperament than on his integrity.

In any case, it appears that BARMINE is emotional and excitable beyond the run of ordinary men. His conduct, as hereinabove described, indicates either unusual emotional immaturity or, possibly, a neurotic condition.

#### RECOMMENDATION

BARMINE'S temperament suggests that he might, if handled routinely, become an occasion for embarrassment or difficulty for the Bureau. It is our recommendation that he be contacted only when strictly necessary and only by older, experienced agents, in a most tactful manner.

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1 - Stokes

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June 22, 1959

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Director, FBI (100-100)

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Enclosed for your information is a copy of a cold-explains letter dated 11/2/59 from the U.S. Information Agency concerning conversation on May 18, 1959, of captured Soviet agent with Major [redacted], Security Division and [redacted] G. [redacted] of the Soviet Embassy. In view of [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] and [redacted] in character, it is not desired that you interview him concerning the incident in question. He also is possible future Soviet interest in [redacted] and if the Soviet Embassy [redacted] him, promptly advise the Bureau.

Three copies of this communication are furnished for [redacted] in your files re [redacted], [redacted]

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Enclosure

1 --105-62476 (E. A. Zastrovsev)

1 --105-57824 (G. K. Zhuravlev)

1 --105-75396 (G. G. Sevastyanov)

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UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY  
WASHINGTON

June 3, 1959

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Belmont	
Mr. DeLoach	
Mr. McGuire	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Parsons	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tamm	
Mr. Trotter	
Mr. W.C. Sullivan	
Tele. Room	
Mr. Holloman	
Miss Gandy	

TO: The Honorable  
J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington 25, D. C.

FROM: Thomas E. Hoffman, Acting Director  
Office of Security

SUBJECT: Conversation Held by USIA Employee  
with Soviet Embassy Officials  
IOS - 11428

The Chief of the Russian Branch of this Agency's Broadcasting Service, Alexander Barmine, recently reported that on May 12, the Robert R. Mullen Public Relations Co., organized on behalf of its clients, General Foods and General Mills, a reception to meet two home economists who will represent these concerns in the demonstration of American convenience foods at the U. S. Fair in Moscow.

Government officials concerned with the Fair were invited, among them several from USIA, including Mr. Barmine. In the list of guests handed out at the door, the names of several members of the Soviet Embassy were also included.

Mr. Barmine advised that soon after his arrival, one of the staff members of the Public Relations Co. informed him that one of the Soviet Embassy Secretaries had inquired if Barmine were present at the party. Soon afterwards, this staff member told Barmine that the Second Secretary of the Soviet Embassy, Evgenii Zaostrovtshev, had asked to be introduced to him. He was introduced to Mr. Zaostrovtshev and Mr. Zaostrovtshev said he would like very much to have a frank talk and during their friendly conversation which lasted more than an hour, Mr. Zaostrovtshev introduced Barmine to two other Embassy officials, Mr. Sevastianov, the Cultural Attache, and Mr. Zhuravlev, from the Office of the Commercial Attache.

Barmine continued that in their conversation they talked of many things, whether VOA broadcasts were anti-Soviet or friendly, whether American Generals have the right to threaten the USSR with atomic bombs, and whether there should be a law in the United States

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prohibiting such speeches. Barmine said he talked about freedom of the press in the United States, Pasternak and his book, and the group touched on the question of whether the Voice of America staff was well-informed on developments in the USSR.

Mr. Barmine said that in the course of the conversation Mr. Zaoztrovtsev invited him and other staff members of the Russian Branch to visit Moscow. Then Mr. Zaoztrovtsev and Mr. Sevastianov expressed a desire to visit the Russian Branch of the Voice, to see how it worked and to listen to our broadcasts. Barmine said this could be arranged. The Russians asked for the address of the Voice and for Barmine's office telephone number. Finally, Mr. Zaoztrovtsev invited Barmine to his home for dinner, promising good Russian borshcht and pelmenyi. He gave Barmine his home address and they parted in a very friendly way, but without definite commitments of any kind.

|| The foregoing is transmitted for your information and any action you deem necessary.



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TO : SAC, NEW YORK (105-31105)

DATE: Nov. 7, 1958

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FROM : SAC, MIAMI (105-924)

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SUBJECT:

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ALEXANDER C. BARMINE

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Re Miami letter to New York dated Nov. 5, 1958.

Enclosed herewith is additional translation material which was not forwarded with Miami letter of Nov. 5.

Enclosed also are copies of translation for Bureau and Washington Field.

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October 15, 1959

Director, FBI (100-351015)(100-176949)

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Enclosed is certain foreign language material:

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This material should be processed as indicated below:

Full translation.

Following disposition should be made of enclosure and translation:

Both to New York, copy of translation to Washington Field.

If the results of your review are not furnished the Seat of Government, in accordance with instructions set forth above, then the office initiating the request, to which translation is made available by you, has the responsibility of appropriately notifying the Bureau of any pertinent information contained therein.

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TO : MR. NICHOLS

DATE: 2-4-57

FROM : L. E. SHORT

*Alexander Rammine*SUBJECT: SUMMARIES OF SOVIET ACTIVITIES  
IN THE UNITED STATES  
Bufile 100-345686

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We have received 29 volumes (Part 1 through Part 28 and also Part 7-A) of hearings before a Subcommittee of the Committee on the Judiciary of the United States Senate captioned "Scope of Soviet Activity in the United States." These hearings were held during 1956 and as they were held the Bureau received stenographic transcripts and photostats of the various hearings. As received these have been reviewed, memoranda prepared, and indexing has been done.

In order to file all of these volumes as well as future volumes in this series that may be received, this memorandum should be filed in the above captioned file. Separately, 150 copies of this memorandum on plastiplat are being requisitioned in order that our Classifiers may place a copy in files of individuals on whom the Bureau maintains a separate case file. This will minimize indexing and make our subject matter files more up to date. We do not propose to index individuals in the 29 volumes when we place a copy of this memorandum in their case file.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That this be referred to the Espionage Section for the attention of Mr. Turner.
2. That the attached requisition for 150 plastiplat copies be approved.

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TO : SAC, Albany

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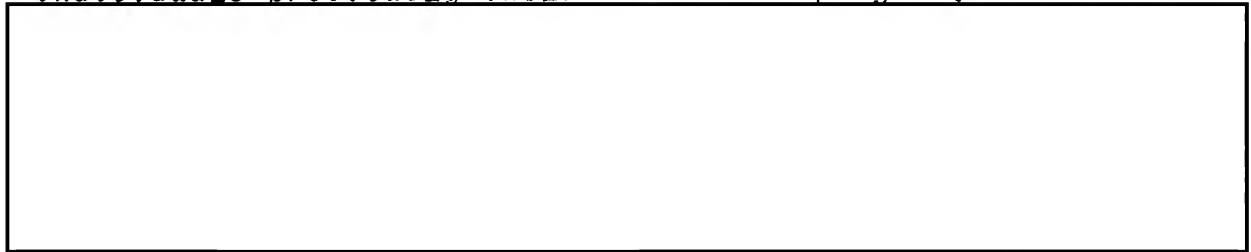
DATE: August 18, 1955

FROM: *JMT* Director, FBI (66-18772)

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SUBJECT: ESPIONAGE AND INTERNAL SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS  
(FULL UTILIZATION OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS  
AND SOURCES OF INFORMATION)

Re Bulet 6/3/55.

The following changes should be made concerning  
individuals previously included in this program:[redacted] referred to in No Number  
SAC Letter dated [redacted] has been discontinued as a source  
of information and should be deleted.

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Baltimore	Knoxville	Phoenix
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Boston	Los Angeles	Portland
Buffalo	Louisville	Richmond
Butte	Memphis	St. Louis
Charlotte	Miami	Salt Lake City
Chicago	Milwaukee	San Antonio
Cincinnati	Minneapolis	San Diego
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use of [ ] referred to in [ ]  
[ ] as a Government witness in view of a recent **incident**  
**arising** in connection with his testimony at an INS hearing.

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dated [ ] has been discontinued as symbol for  
[ ] He does not wish to testify and identity should  
be protected by temporary symbol.

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[ ] has been discontinued as a confidential  
source but may still be contacted under this program. He is  
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Letter to SAC, Albany

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(U) [redacted] referred to in No Number SAC Letters dated [redacted] has been discontinued as symbol for [redacted] His identity need not be concealed in Bureau reports. (C)

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[redacted] has been discontinued as symbol for [redacted] referred to in No Number SAC Letter dated [redacted] SAC Letter [redacted] and Bulet dated [redacted] Leads to contact her should now be directed to New York.

(U) [redacted] referred to in SAC Letters [redacted] and [redacted] and Bulet dated [redacted] has been discontinued as symbol for [redacted] His identity should be protected by temporary symbol. (C)

Identity of [redacted] referred to in No Number SAC Letter dated [redacted] should be protected by temporary symbol.

[redacted] referred to in SAC Letter [redacted] has been discontinued as symbol for [redacted] Pursuant to specific request, his identity should be protected by temporary symbol even though he has testified. He does not wish to testify in future cases.

[redacted] referred to in SAC Letter [redacted] has been discontinued as symbol for [redacted] His identity should be protected by temporary symbol.

[redacted] referred to in Bulet dated [redacted] has been discontinued as symbol for [redacted]. His identity should be protected by temporary symbol.

If prepared, index cards concerning the above-captioned individuals should be amended accordingly.

The following additional confidential informants and sources of information are set forth for your information and utilization:

[redacted] Chicago

[redacted]

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-176949)

DATE: 1/19/60

FROM : SAC, [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: ALEXANDER G. BARMINE  
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ReWFOlet to Bureau dated 1/12/60, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] setting forth information  
furnished by [REDACTED] U. S. Army,  
concerning contact between a General ALEXANDER BERMIN and  
[REDACTED] Soviet Military Attache.

Investigation by WFO has developed that General  
ALEXANDER BERMIN, mentioned above is identical with ALEXANDER G.  
BARMINE, subject of this case. Accordingly, WFO is closing  
the case on BERMIN and the file is being consolidated into  
the BARMINE file.

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Bulet to WFO dated 6/12/59, captioned "ALEXANDER G.  
BARMINE, IS - R," sets forth information received from  
USIA concerning contact between BARMINE and several Soviets.

*USIA info herein is unclassified per their letter dated 11/24/89. MAC/PSK 12/10/90.*

This letter states that in view of BARMINE's extremely  
emotional and excitable character, WFO was instructed not to  
interview him.

In accordance with the above instructions, WFO will  
not interview BARMINE concerning his contact with [REDACTED]  
and will consider the matter closed.

- ② - Bureau  
1 - WFO

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED

HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED

DATE 8/3/00 BY SP-7 MAC/PSK

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Case closed

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*Army information is unclassified per  
their letter dated 7/13/89.  
MAC/PSK 12/10/90.*

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 1/12/60

SAC, [REDACTED]

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ALEXANDER GARMINE

[REDACTED]  
for Intelligence, U. S. Army, advised SA GARNETT T. TUNSTALL on 1/8/60, that he attended a reception at the Embassy of Iraq on 1/6/60. He stated that while there he introduced BERMIN to [REDACTED] Soviet Military Attache. According to GAGARINE, BERMIN and [REDACTED] talked together for about an hour and later [REDACTED] expressed great interest in BERMIN.

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33 [REDACTED] advised that BERMIN is a former Russian who left Russia after the 1917 Revolution there and that he is now head of the Russian Section, Voice of America, United States Information Agency.

*Army info is unclassified per their letter dated 7/13/89. MAC/PSK 12/10/90.*

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3 - WFO

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# Memorandum

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Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

TO : Mr. C. D. Brennan *ck*

DATE: March 8, 1971

FROM : J. A. Sizoo *JS*

SUBJECT: ALEXANDER BARMINE  
INTERNAL SECURITY SOVIET  
ALEXANDER G. BARMINE

*ck* [redacted] Washington  
Field Office, telephonically advised [redacted]  
[redacted] Domestic Intelligence Division, on  
3-8-71, that he had received a call from [redacted]  
Syndicated Columnist, who informed him that the subject, an  
employee of the U.S. Information Agency (USIA), had disappeared  
from his home in Chevy Chase, Maryland, at about 1:00 p.m.,  
on 3-8-71. According to [redacted] Barmine is known in Soviet  
emigre circles in Washington, D. C. [redacted] stated she  
had spoken with Barmine's present wife who told her that she  
was concerned for subject's safety and also that she was afraid  
subject might be having a nervous breakdown. Subject's  
conversation reportedly was rambling. *ck*

[redacted] also advised that [redacted]  
for Security, USIA, also called him and stated he had received  
a call from [redacted] concerning Barmine's disappearance.  
Barmine reportedly is afraid the Communists are going to catch  
him. According to [redacted] he feels Barmine has "flipped his lid."  
[redacted] stated that [redacted] of the Senate Internal Security  
Subcommittee reportedly had notified the Bureau concerning  
Barmine's disappearance. *D.C.* INFORMANT

[redacted] stated that [redacted] would like to be advised  
should we receive any information concerning Barmine. [redacted]  
also advised that the Montgomery County Police Department had  
been notified. *g*

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DATE 8/4/80 BY SP7NAC/PSK

None. For information. *JK*

ABK:lrs (5) *lrs*

- 1 - Mr. C. D. Brennan
- 1 - Mr. J. A. Sizoo
- 1 - Mr. W. A. Branigan
- 1 - Mr. A. B. Knickrehm

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, Albany

DATE: 2/2/68

✓FROM : Director, FBI (66-18772)

SUBJECT: ESPIONAGE AND INTERNAL SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS  
(Full Utilization of Confidential Informants  
and Sources of Information)

ReBulet 11/14/67.

Transmitted herewith for all offices is the current compilation of pertinent information concerning those individuals presently included in the captioned program. The material is not new; the compilation was prepared from information previously furnished by the field concerning those informants and sources of information who are of present interest under this program.

Recipients should note that beside the name of each informant or source of information in the compilation is the field office to which leads are to be presently directed. Each office should note those informants and/or sources of information to be contacted by it. Any changes should be immediately furnished the Bureau.

If prepared, index cards concerning all the individuals mentioned in the compilation should be amended where warranted. Any existing index cards concerning individuals not in this new compilation should be deleted.

All offices are reminded that all current sources and informants suitable for inclusion in this program must in fact be so included. Individuals having other than a local knowledge of counterespionage and security matters should be included in the program.

Enclosure

1 - All Other Offices (Enclosure)

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**(Full Utilization of Confidential Informants**  
**and Sources of Information)**

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[ ] a source of information in [ ] matters, was born in [ ]  
and resided [ ] Starting in [ ]  
he worked [ ] After the [ ]  
[ ] of [ ] he became a political and military advisor for [ ] and  
subsequently for the [ ]

Through his connections with U. S. Intelligence,  
[ ] became familiar with the background and activities of many individ-  
uals who subsequently came to this country from [ ]  
is now a U. S. citizen. Although not in current contact with [ ]  
circles he is still available for information of a background nature  
in [ ] matters. His identity should be protected. He currently  
resides in the [ ] area.

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Declassify on: OADR  
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CLASSIFIED DECISIONS FINALIZED  
BY DEPARTMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE (DRC)  
TE: 4-8-87

[ ] was born in [ ] He joined the Communist Party  
in [ ] and attended the "Workers School" in New York City.  
In [ ] he attended the Communist Party "Functionary School"  
in New York City, which offered courses in Marxism and Stalinism.  
In [ ] worked as [ ] for the Communist  
Party in Albany. He left the United States in [ ] There

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[ ] in [ ] went to the Soviet Union where he belonged to the  
[ ] of the [ ] That year he spent approximately  
[ ] He remained  
in the [ ] area until [ ] with exception of a brief visit to  
[ ] has stated that he might have been representing  
the [ ] and he is acquainted with communist and Soviet  
activities during that period. In [ ] he returned to the United States  
via [ ]

After returning to the United States, [ ] was engaged in  
communist-front activities involving [ ] matters. After a few  
months, [ ] accepted a proposition to go to [ ] a  
[ ] there. This did not materialize; however,  
[ ] engaged in Communist Party activities in [ ]  
and the [ ] until [ ] when he allegedly defected from the  
communist movement.

[ ] should be described as an informant who has furnished reliable  
information in the past.

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[redacted]  
[redacted] was employed near Moscow, USSR, from [redacted] to [redacted]  
[redacted] as [redacted] of a [redacted]  
In [redacted] he married [redacted] a Soviet national, but  
the USSR [redacted]  
to the [redacted] returned to Russia to complete  
his work in [redacted] In [redacted] of that year he resigned from  
his employment but remained in Russia to attempt to arrange for  
[redacted] In [redacted] he accepted a position in the office  
of [redacted] in Moscow and in [redacted] transferred to the  
U. S. Embassy as [redacted] He was finally able to  
[redacted] and himself to [redacted] in [redacted]  
[redacted] While in Russia, he resided in [redacted] and had many acquaintances  
among Americans stationed there, members of the foreign colony, and  
Soviet nationals whom he contacted in a business or official capacity.

[redacted] was born in [redacted] and at the time of  
her marriage in [redacted]

[redacted] in the [redacted] Moscow, from [redacted] On  
a number of occasions during [redacted] unsuccessful  
attempts were made to persuade [redacted] to work for the [redacted]

Both [redacted] are cooperative.

The identities of [redacted] should  
be protected.

[redacted] are now living in [redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]

[redacted] is Russian born and advanced in [redacted]  
the Soviets, finally defecting in [redacted] at which time he was [redacted]  
[redacted] has  
furnished information of a general nature concerning the positions  
and activities of agents in various Soviet Intelligence establishments  
in which [redacted]  
[redacted]

Leads to interview [redacted] should be set forth only in those instances  
where there is sound reason to believe that he possesses pertinent  
information of importance to an investigation, in view of his extremely  
emotional and excitable character.

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(S) [redacted] X When such information is sought inquiry should be directed to the Bureau [redacted] X

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This informant is the [redacted]

[redacted] until he was [redacted]

[redacted] He spent the majority of his time in [redacted] the [redacted] and [redacted] and his activities were directed primarily against [redacted] It is believed [redacted] has an excellent knowledge of [redacted] and Soviet intelligence activity in general. The identity of [redacted] (U) [redacted] should be protected. [redacted] resides in [redacted] (S)

[redacted] - Chicago

Born in [redacted] joined the communist movement in 1933, serving during World War II with Polish forces organized in the Soviet Union. Demobilized in 1945-46, he rejoined the Polish communist movement and in [redacted]

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[redacted] he severed his connections with the Communist Party and in 1957 immigrated to [redacted] He immigrated to the United States in July, 1959. Though having only limited knowledge of Polish espionage operations, [redacted] can furnish information concerning events and personalities in [redacted]

[redacted] His identity need not be protected.

[redacted] became a member of the Communist Party in [redacted] and made [redacted] in the movement. In [redacted] he became [redacted] of the "Daily Worker" and held varying positions until [redacted] when he became [redacted] of the "Daily Worker" as well as [redacted] of the [redacted] Incorporated. [redacted] became a [redacted] member of the Communist Party and a member of the National Committee. He [redacted] broke with the Communist Party in [redacted] He was [redacted] at the trial of the Communist Party leaders.

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Contacts with [redacted] should be held to a minimum.

Except as to such as pertains to the so-called "400 concealed communists," information received from [ ] may be credited to him by name.

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[ ] is living in [ ] and in [ ]

[ ] was born [ ] in [ ] and became a naturalized U. S. citizen [ ] at [ ] joined the Young Communist League in [ ] and both he and [ ] were Young Communist League members in [ ] in the [ ] In [ ] made a [ ] visiting [ ] trade unions in [ ] as a [ ] from the U.S., which trip was sponsored and financed by the Communist Party. [ ] joined the Communist Party in [ ] and left for [ ] in the latter part of [ ] to attend the [ ]

was a [ ] and [ ] In [ ] ran for [ ] unsuccessfully, on the Communist Party ticket. [ ] severed all Communist Party activities in [ ] but remained friendly with many Communist Party members. [ ] is employed by the [ ]

[ ] does not wish to testify and his identity should be protected.

[ ] an American-born citizen, joined the Socialist Party in [ ] In August of that year he [ ] where he was employed from [ ] He joined the Communist Party and in [ ] went to Russia where from [ ] he attended the [ ]

While in Russia, he was employed by [ ] did some [ ] for [ ] served as [ ] and [ ]

[ ] throughout the Russian Caucasus. About [ ] he was [ ] USA, retroactive to the time of his departure for Russia. In [ ] he returned to the U. S. and during the early part of [ ] was associated with [ ] in New York City. He claims to have been completely disassociated from CP activities since [ ]

[ ] is in a position to furnish information about [ ] in New York City [ ] in Moscow, USSR [ ] "Soviet

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[redacted] and [redacted]  
[redacted] He has  
furnished reliable information in the past, but is not available as  
a witness. Identity of [redacted] should be protected. [redacted]  
is in [redacted]

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This individual was born in the U.S. but went to [redacted]  
[redacted] He joined the communist movement in [redacted]  
returning to this country in [redacted] he joined the Abraham  
Lincoln Brigade and went to [redacted] where he was not assigned to the  
[redacted] known as the [redacted]  
he returned to the U.S. about [redacted] and has since resided  
in the [redacted] He is of known reliability but is not available  
(U) to testify. ~~(S)~~

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This individual was born [redacted]  
He arrived in the United States on [redacted] He claims to  
have been [redacted] during the German occupation of Poland, at  
which time he [redacted] of the [redacted] to  
[redacted] On [redacted] he was [redacted] by [redacted]

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[redacted] was born [redacted]  
[redacted] joined the Communist Party in San Francisco, California, in  
approximately [redacted] and was active for a brief period in matters  
relating to communist publications. In approximately [redacted]

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was introduced to [redacted] a [redacted] in the United States. Upon the instructions of [redacted] withdrew from open Communist Party activity for the purpose of undertaking "special work" for [redacted]. In late [redacted] went to Los Angeles, California, with [redacted]

[redacted] as a headquarters for their secret activity. [redacted] and [redacted] operated a small [redacted] for a brief period and developed information regarding [redacted] matters. [redacted] also taught [redacted] individuals. [redacted] In the [redacted] went to New York City, where he met [redacted]. After a brief stay in New York City, [redacted] returned to California, taking up residence in [redacted] with [redacted].

In early [redacted] went to San Francisco, California, and met [redacted]. In approximately May of [redacted]

[redacted]. In approximately [redacted] and [redacted] were married at [redacted] and subsequently resided in the New York City area until [redacted] terminated his association with the espionage apparatus in the Fall of [redacted]. During this period [redacted] was also involved in espionage activity in the Washington, D. C., area. [redacted] specialized in [redacted] work. In the Fall of [redacted] returned to California, and resumed his Communist Party activity, particularly with the publication, [redacted] after having his previous [redacted] In [redacted] was dropped from the Communist Party [redacted] due to political reasons.

[redacted] should be described as a source who has furnished reliable information in the past.

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[redacted] was born [redacted] in [redacted] On [redacted] he was [redacted] and on [redacted] at the [redacted] in New York City. On [redacted] [redacted] was [redacted] of the [redacted] in Washington, D. C., where he is now the [redacted]

Records pertaining to [redacted] residing throughout the world dating back to WW II are at his disposal. [redacted] is able to make inquiries for information among the [redacted] community on a confidential and discreet basis. He can be of great assistance in the Latvian emigre field.

[redacted] an American-born United States citizen, [redacted] joined the Communist Party in [redacted]. In [redacted] he left the United States for Russia where he attended the [redacted] School in Moscow. He returned to the United States in [redacted] of [redacted] and remained in the Communist Party until the Spring of [redacted] at which time he defected. During most of the period from [redacted] to [redacted] served as the [redacted] of the Communist Party in Toledo, Ohio. In [redacted] he went to the west coast and served as [redacted] of the National Association of Die Casters, International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers in Los Angeles. After serving about [redacted] in the United States Army, being inducted in [redacted] he went to [redacted] as [redacted] of the [redacted] where he remained until [redacted]

[redacted] was active in Communist Party activities from [redacted] and [redacted] in Pittsburgh Pennsylvania. From [redacted] he served with [redacted] in the [redacted] as a member of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade. He has furnished reliable information. His identity should be protected.

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Requests for a check of this index, which must be limited to such as appear both reasonable and practical, should be directed to the Bureau (S)

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entered into Soviet espionage work in late and continued up until was and has furnished information regarding his Soviet superiors and his contacts and their activities, which included

He remains cooperative. Appointments can be arranged with him through who is also most cooperative. Leads to contact should be directed to the Philadelphia Office.

was a close social acquaintance of becoming acquainted with many of his social and political associates. She arrived in the United States in and is in a position to furnish information concerning present and past members of the Her identity should be protected.

was born entered the United States in and was naturalized at New York City, has admitted that he was a member of the Communist Party in the early that he was connected with an and that his was in Russia on several occasions and was also connected with a when he went to also introduced numerous persons to in order that they might help in the may be able to furnish valuable information on

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[ ] and Communist Party activities in the middle [ ]

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[ ] has completed a [ ]

[ ] At one time he was a member of the Young Communist League and the International Workers Order. While in the [ ] he served [ ] at [ ] He was [ ] into the [ ]

system by [ ]

and in [ ] he furnished to [ ]

admitted

Soviet agent, [ ] He testified as a [ ] witness in the [ ] trial. Although the scope of his knowledge of Soviet intelligence personnel and their activity is limited, [ ] is cooperative and has furnished information on other associates of [ ] who allegedly were [ ] by him into [ ] operations.

[ ] currently resides in the area covered by the New York Office.

[ ] served during [ ] as [ ] to [ ]

ground forces.

When the communist regime assumed power in [ ] went to [ ] subsequently coming to the United States. He resides in [ ] California, and is employed as an [ ] for the [ ] in San Francisco. He was acquainted with [ ] leaders of all political persuasions, particularly those connected with the latter days of the [ ] regime on the [ ] mainland.

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(U) Information originating from this source is classified "~~Top Secret~~." Requests should be forwarded to the Bureau, accompanied by photos when available. (S)

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[redacted]  
[redacted] was born on [redacted] in [redacted] Pennsylvania.  
After his [redacted] he was taken to [redacted]

[redacted]  
in [redacted] Since [redacted] has been in [redacted]  
[redacted] and in [redacted] was made [redacted] of the [redacted]  
[redacted] Washington, D. C., where he is presently [redacted]  
[redacted]

[redacted] is probably the [redacted] in the U. S. and  
he knows a [redacted] throughout the U.S. Official records  
of [redacted] are also at his disposal.

Leads requiring contact with [redacted] should be directed to WFO.

[redacted]

[redacted] joined the communist movement in [redacted] having disassociated  
himself from the Socialist Party after a membership of approximately  
[redacted] years. He traveled through Russia in [redacted] as a member of  
the [redacted]  
[redacted] He returned to Russia in late [redacted]

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remaining until [ ] during which period he was a [ ] at the [ ] School in Moscow. He also worked during this period as [ ] and also was [ ]. Upon his return to the United States in [ ] he became [ ] of the Communist Party in the Chicago area and was also a member of the National Committee of the Communist Party in [ ] was [ ] from the Communist Party in [ ]. [ ] has furnished reliable information in the past.

The identity of [ ] should be protected.

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Requests for information from this directory should be forwarded to the Bureau under caption of this program. (U)

This individual was born in [ ] later serving as a [ ] to [ ] he resided at the Czech [ ] at Ludwigsburg, Germany and worked for U.S. intelligence agencies in the [ ]. He maintains contact with individuals in this country and abroad who are familiar with Czech intelligence activities in the U. S. and Europe. His identity should be protected and he should be described as a source of information who has furnished reliable information in the past.

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During the period [ ] served as a [ ] in a [ ] operated in and about New York City. This [ ] believed to be working under the direction of Soviet Military Intelligence, was mainly interested in the securing of [ ]. The only [ ] superior of [ ] who has been definitely identified is [ ].

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In [ ] visited Russia at the request of his Soviet superiors and, while there, visited relatives and was taken on official trips around Moscow. [ ] has furnished reliable information and his identity should be protected. [ ] resides in the [ ] area. (U) ~~SECRET~~ b7D

[ ] joined the Communist Party in Chicago in [ ] in either [ ] attended the [ ] School in Moscow from December, [ ] to approximately [ ] and was active in communist activities in the [ ] area from [ ] He has furnished reliable information in the past. His identity should continue to be protected. b1

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(U) He now resides in [ ]

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[This source has a long history of Communist Party activity and is well acquainted with national and district leaders of the Party. He is well educated on Communist Party policy and strategy and can interpret the Party line in reference to changing world events. As of [ ] he could identify Communist Party leaders active in the movement for [ ] He attended the [ ] School in [ ] He has furnished reliable information in the past. (U) ~~SECRET~~ b2 b7D

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Requests for a check against this list should be directed to the Bureau, reference being made to this letter. ~~(S)~~ ~~(U)~~

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Requests for information from these directories should be forwarded the Bureau under caption of this program. ~~(S)~~ ~~(U)~~

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this individual was employed by the [redacted] at the time of the [redacted] He entered the U.S. in [redacted] becoming a naturalized American citizen in [redacted] He is in a position to furnish information concerning [redacted] activities in the U.S. and background data on persons of [redacted] descent in this country. He is also able to supply information on general [redacted] activities in the U.S. He has furnished reliable information (U) in the past. ~~(S)~~

[redacted] was [redacted] into the Young Communist League at Philadelphia in [redacted] he attended [redacted] School in New York City at Communist Party expense. In [redacted] he proceeded to Moscow, Russia, where he attended a [redacted] school for about [redacted] on [redacted] orders. [redacted] then traveled to [redacted] where he served as [redacted] in the [redacted] until [redacted] returning then to Moscow for about [redacted] before returning to the U.S. He then served as [redacted]

for the [ ] in New York until [ ] or [ ], at which time he entered a Communist Party Organizers School in the New York City area. He completed this school in about six months and then remained in New York City until [ ] at which time he returned to his home in [ ]. There is no indication that he has been connected with the Communist Party or the [ ] since that time. [ ] has furnished extensive information concerning his own activities and activities of others with whom he was associated which has been verified through other sources and is considered reliable. He has expressed willingness to furnish signed statements. However, his identity should be protected.

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In [ ] this source was approached in [ ] Russia, with a [ ]. He proceeded to [ ] and was involved in [ ] activities until [ ] when he was [ ]. He was [ ] at which time he came to the United States. He has furnished detailed information concerning his [ ] activities in [ ] from [ ]. His information has been found to be reliable.

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American-born, [ ] joined the Communist Party (CPUSA) in [ ]. He attended [ ] CPUSA National Training School in New Jersey. From [ ] he was a student at the [ ] School in Moscow, upon completion of his training joining the [ ]. He was withdrawn from the [ ] in [ ] as a member of the [ ] committee. He has continued to be active in the CPUSA except for service in the [ ].

(U) [ ] (C) [ ] has considerable knowledge concerning students at the [ ] School while he was in attendance and can identify many veterans of the (U) ALB whom he met in Spain and the U. S. [ ]. He is not available as a witness and his identity must be protected.

[ ]  
This individual is [ ] who was a [ ] and the United States from about [ ] to [ ]. In [ ] she became aware that [ ] were involved in clandestine work under [ ]. She was well acquainted with [ ] but relatively less so with [ ] although [ ].

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she did meet [ ] on several occasions. In [ ] she met unknown subject [ ] who gave her [ ] from the [ ] to assist her while her husband was in the [ ]

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was active in the [ ] and was

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He is acquainted with [ ] who were active in such matters in those days. He was a

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[REDACTED] served with [REDACTED] in the [REDACTED] during the period [REDACTED]. The [REDACTED] was an [REDACTED] of approximately [REDACTED] which was assigned to either [REDACTED] units for [REDACTED] support for a majority of its time in [REDACTED] took part in the [REDACTED] for the adventure involved and has never taken part in communist activities or been a Communist Party member. He has furnished information concerning his [REDACTED] into the [REDACTED] and concerning the other individuals in this organization. He has furnished reliable information in the past.

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[REDACTED] is a former [REDACTED] In [REDACTED] he resigned as [REDACTED] of the [REDACTED] in Chicago in protest of the communist domination of the Government of [REDACTED]. He has knowledge of government personalities in the [REDACTED] field and has furnished reliable information.

The identity of [REDACTED] should be protected.

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Leads requesting contact of [redacted] should be directed to Philadelphia inasmuch as he now resides in that area. ~~(S)~~

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[redacted] was recruited into the Workers Party in New York City about [redacted]. He attended the [redacted] School in Moscow in [redacted] was involved in Communist Party [redacted] in San Francisco and Los Angeles from [redacted] with [redacted]. He performed [redacted] and [redacted] services during this period through the [redacted]. His information is of unknown reliability.

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This individual was reared in [redacted]. He resided in [redacted] where he worked as a [redacted] and served as [redacted] of the [redacted]. Following World War II he was used by American intelligence agencies in [redacted] as an informant on White Russian and Soviet activities until [redacted] he came to the U.S. in [redacted].

(S) [redacted] and is influential in white Russian circles. He is in a position to identify and furnish background information concerning former residents of the [redacted] and [redacted] and possesses records pertaining to former members of the [redacted]. He can furnish information concerning certain Soviet officials in [redacted] during the [redacted].

(S) [redacted] He also has a knowledge of white Russian persons and organizations. ~~(S)~~

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Source can furnish information concerning Yugoslavs in the United States and abroad. Leads requiring contact with him should be directed to WFO.

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This individual was born in [redacted] Assigned to a [redacted] following World War II, he thereafter was appointed [redacted] in the [redacted] and engaged in operational work within the [redacted] During the early [redacted] he worked in various sections (including the [redacted] of this [redacted] in [redacted] After receiving training in [redacted] as a [redacted] but without any instruction in [redacted] or [redacted] he was assigned to the [redacted] After his recall to [redacted] in [redacted] he handled [redacted] within Department [redacted] of [redacted] until transferred to the [redacted] in New York City in [redacted] where he served as a [redacted] At the time of his open defection on [redacted], he held the [redacted] in the [redacted]

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Source can furnish information about [redacted] personnel attached to the [redacted] during the late [redacted]

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[redacted] Leads requiring contact with them  
should be directed to the Bureau. ~~(S)~~

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(S) Source's identity should be protected inasmuch as [redacted]

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[redacted] is an American by birth. While [redacted] in [redacted]  
he was persuaded to join the [redacted] in [redacted]  
[redacted] though not a member of the Communist Party (CP). He thereafter  
[redacted] with the [redacted]

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After returning from [redacted] he attended CP meetings in [redacted] and in [redacted]  
[redacted] was a member of the West Philadelphia Section of the  
(U) CP, Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware. ~~(S)~~

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[redacted] has furnished information concerning the CP, Progressive Party,  
Civil Rights Congress, Freedom of the Press Association, Emergency Civil  
Liberties Committee, National Negro Labor Council and the Abraham ~~(S)~~

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(U) Lincoln Brigade. He can identify veterans of the ALB whom he met in [ ] and subsequently in the U. S. He does not desire to testify except in case of national emergency.

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On 9-24-60 subject became

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(S) Recently, subject has expressed interest in  
(S) prominent Soviet defectors. These are Alexander  
Barmine, former Soviet military officer now employed by the Voice of  
America; with numerous aliases, former Lt. Col.  
Soviet Army who escaped to the U.S. Zone in Germany in 1947

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Leon  
Volkov, a former Soviet Air Force Colonel who defected in 1945 and  
has been employed by "Newsweek" since approximately 1947.

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Information has been appropriately disseminated to State  
but since individual security main files on these 3 former  
Soviets do not show current Soviet interest in them, it is believed  
that this memo should be prepared to channelize current Soviet interest  
into appropriate files.

RECOMMENDATION:

For record purposes.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-53457)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (105-21666)

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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ReBulet, dated 2/3/60, and NY airtel, dated 2/9/60.

Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies of a  
letterhead memorandum captioned as above, and one copy for  
WFO for information. This memorandum was prepared so that  
(S) the Bureau may disseminate it to [REDACTED] in the event the  
(S) Bureau wishes to clear, [REDACTED] the passage of this  
information to the Soviets.

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(S) The information set forth in the attached memorandum  
was furnished to SA [REDACTED] on 2/11/60, [REDACTED]  
(S) It is classified "Secret" [REDACTED]

(S) On 2/3/60, [REDACTED] called [REDACTED] and  
[REDACTED] advising them of his visit to  
Washington, D.C., on 2/9 and 10/60. Informant stated that  
he departed NYC by train at 9:30 a.m. on 2/9/60, and arrived  
Washington, D.C., at 1:15 p.m. He went directly to the  
residence of the [REDACTED] old family friends, and visited

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- (S) ③ - Bureau (105-53457) (Encl. 5) (RM)  
1 - Washington Field (105-19830) (Encl. 1) (Info) (RM)  
1 - New York [REDACTED] (RM) (Att. 1)  
1 - New York (105-21666) (Att. 1)

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with them until about 3:45 p.m., when he returned to Union Station, where he had planned to meet [redacted] at 4:00 p.m. [redacted] met informant at 4:00 p.m. and drove informant to his, [redacted] home where informant remained overnight.

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At about 9:15 p.m. on [redacted] informant called ALEXANDER BARNINE and arranged a meeting with him at BARNINE's office, at the Voice of America, on [redacted] at 11:30 a.m. Informant also called [redacted]

[redacted]

On [redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted] accompanied informant. They met [redacted] at about 9:00 a.m., had breakfast with him, and departed at about 10:30 a.m. in order to meet BARNINE at 11:30 a.m.

[redacted]

Informant stated that his meeting with BARNINE remained on a very friendly basis.

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~~(S)~~ The Bureau is requested to grant clearance prior  
to 5:00 p.m., 2/16/60, for [ ] to pass to the Soviets  
the information set forth in attached memorandum.  
~~(S)~~ [ ] is to meet subject at 8:00 p.m. on 2/16/60.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

New York, New York  
February 12, 1960

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Re: [REDACTED]

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Source advised that he visited Washington, D.C.,  
on February 9 and 10, 1960, and furnished the following:

He visited [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] during the afternoon of [REDACTED] and  
on 4:00 P.M. he met at Union Station in [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] but  
he does not know his address other than it is in a suburb of  
Washington, D.C., in Virginia, possibly Arlington or Alexandria.  
He remained overnight at [REDACTED] home and their  
conversations consisted of their respective families, mutual  
friends, their experiences during World War II and their  
disappointment in the recent attitude of the United States  
Government in its sanctioning of anti-Soviet activity and  
propaganda, especially in the Voice of America (VOA).

In the morning of [REDACTED] Source and  
[REDACTED] visited [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] and toured the country living quarters on the  
Soviet Union. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Especially in the Red Army. [REDACTED]  
consisted of a discussion of their mutual friends and current  
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Source and information visited

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-53457)  
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (105-21666)  
SUBJECT : [REDACTED]  
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ReBulet 2/8/60 and NY airtel 2/2/60.

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(S) On 2/8/60, [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] an  
[REDACTED], would not  
accompany informant on his trip to Washington, D. C. because of  
illness.

Informant stated that he will depart NYC at about  
10:00 a.m., 2/9/60, via train and will return NYC late in evening  
of 2/10/60 or early morning 2/11/60.

Informant said that he would call his friends, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] on the evening of 2/8/60, advising them  
of his visit to Washington, D. C. on 2/9 and 10/60.

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Informant has met ALEXANDER BARMINE several dozen times  
during the past few years at various emigre functions and is  
acquainted with him, although not intimately. Informant, while  
in Washington, D. C. will telephone BARMINE advising him of his

Informant will suggest that they meet briefly in order

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- (S) 3-Bureau (105-53457)(RM)  
1-Washington Field (105-19890)(Info)(RM)  
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that informant might obtain any personal greetings BARMINE may wish informant to carry to their mutual friends.

Informant will not solicit any information from BARMINE, nor will he attempt to broaden his friendship with BARMINE. Informant will attempt to curtail his contact with BARMINE to a minimum of detail, so as to avoid any involvement with BARMINE, but at the same time fulfill his assignment as given by

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SAC, New York (105-21666)

February 8, 1960

Director, FBI (105-53457)

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Re WFO letter 1/28/60.

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Bureau desires to call to the attention of the  
New York Office the recommendation made in New York letter  
6/14/55, New York file 66-6209, regarding [redacted]

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Authority is granted for New York Office to have  
[redacted] furnish the information set forth on page 2 of  
New York airtel 2/2/60 to subject at the next meeting.

1 - WFO (105-19890)  
1 - 100-176949 (Alexander Barmine)

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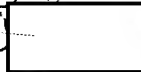
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ReWairtel 1/15/60, requesting WFO to ascertain  
certain background on one ALEXANDER DARMINE.

For the information of WFO, Bulet to WFO dated  
6/12/59, transmitted to WFO as an enclosure, a copy of letter  
directed to the Bureau from the Office of Security, USIA,  
advising of contact between ALEXANDER DARMINE, Chief of USIA's  
Russian Branch of that agency's broadcasting service, and  
certain Soviet officials.

On 5/12/59, DARMINE was invited as a representative  
of USIA to a reception organized by a public relations firm  
on behalf of General Mills and General Foods in regard to  
their participation in the U.S. Fair in Moscow.

Among the guests were several members of the Soviet  
Embassy. When DARMINE's name was noticed on the guest list,  
Soviet Cultural Attache, [redacted] (reported  
U.S. 5/15/59), asked to be introduced to DARMINE. During  
an hour long conversation, [redacted] introduced DARMINE  
to [redacted] Attache, and [redacted]  
ZEMRAVLEV, First Secretary. The Russians indicated they  
would like a tour of the Russian Branch of YOA and DARMINE  
said it could be arranged. No definite commitments were  
made, however, and no further information re Soviet contacts  
with DARMINE came to WFO's attention until 1/8/60. On 1/8/60,

[redacted] for  
Intelligence, U.S. Army, advised WFO he attended a reception  
at the Embassy of Iraq on 1/6/60. While there, he introduced  
ALEXANDER DARMINE to [redacted]  
Soviet Military Attache. The three talked about one hour,  
and [redacted] expressed great interest in DARMINE.

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January 20, 1960

BY COURIER SERVICE

[Redacted]  
Executive Secretary to the Vice President  
Room T-6, The Capitol Building  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear [Redacted]

I am enclosing an item that I thought  
the Vice President might like to see.

Sincerely,

Enclosure

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① 100-176949 Alexander Barmine

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It is noted that only eight days elapsed since [redacted] met BARMINE and [redacted] mentioned him to [redacted]

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Bulet of 6/12/59, mentioned above, informed WFO the Bureau does not desire that BARMINE be interviewed because of his extremely emotional and excitable character.

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Refer to USIA  
note on  
page one.

On 1/22/60, [redacted] Investigations Division, Office of Security, advised SA [redacted] that ALEXANDER G. BARMINE continues to be employed as Chief of the Russian Branch of USIA's broadcasting service.

[redacted] advised their records reflect that as of 10/31/58, BARMINE resided at 3302 Underwood St., Chevy Chase, Maryland. Telephone OLiver 2-4978. BARMINE is not listed in the current Washington, D.C. telephone directory.

The above address and telephone number were verified 1/26/60, at U.S.P.O., Chevy Chase, Maryland, and by CSIF 28.

RefWairtel requested WFO to ascertain whether ALEXANDER G. BARMINE has any connection [redacted] inasmuch as the Bureau, in this case, has handled contacts [redacted] where it has concerned persons of possible interest to or connected with that agency, this matter is being referred to the Bureau for handling through appropriate liaison channels.

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REQUEST OF BUREAU

The Bureau is requested to determine through appropriate liaison channels whether ALEXANDER G. BARMINE has any connection with that agency.

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Honorable Richard M. Nixon  
The Vice President  
Washington 25, D. C.

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Dear Dick:

A Soviet, assigned to the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics Delegation to the United Nations, recently discussed Alexander Barmine, former Brigadier General in the Russian Army who was employed in the recent past by the United States Information Agency, with one of our sources. The Soviet described Barmine as a "close friend of Vice President Nixon." The Soviet urged our source to cultivate Barmine since Barmine may obtain greater stature and importance this year.

I thought you would be interested in this statement.

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Sincerely,

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① 100-176949 Alexander Barmine

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Bufiles show that as of June, 1959, Barmine was chief of the Russian branch of the U. S. Information Agency Broadcasting Service. Barmine has furnished information to the Bureau in the past but since August, 1955, we have avoided contacting Barmine because of his extremely emotional and excitable character.  
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Honorable Richard M. Nixon

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Barmine was born 8/16/99 in Russia and arrived in the U.S. on 1/8/40. He has been a U. S. citizen since 7/15/43. Barmine has two sons in the Soviet Union whom he has not seen since 1937. Main files do not show that Barmine is a close friend of the Vice President. Barmine has testified before congressional committees and it is possible that he may be known to the Vice President. There is no immediate urgency for notifying the Vice President and the above is being forwarded by courier service.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-53457)  
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (105-21666)  
SUBJECT: [REDACTED]  
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ReNYairtel and letterhead memo dated 1/15/60,  
captioned as above.

(S) On this date, [REDACTED] advised of additional  
information which had occurred to him, as mentioned by  
[REDACTED] had two small  
leaflets about 3 1/2 by 4 1/2", and 8 pages printed in Russian.  
These were issues # 20 and 21 dated 1959 and entitled,  
"Nasha Pravda" (Our Truth). [REDACTED] said these leaflets  
had been sent to a Soviet diplomat in Paris [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] wants  
these books but he did not specifically say so. He acted very  
casual about the leaflets [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] that he would have to read them, study them and  
make inquiries before he could give any opinion.

Informant advised interviewing agent that he would  
make discreet inquiries of contacts in [REDACTED] He  
said he believes these may be a publication of RNO (Russian  
National Organization, an anti-Communist group with headquarters  
in Brussels.) He stated he had not read the pamphlets as yet.  
He loaned the pamphlets to NYO. Photostats have been made and  
one set is enclosed for the Bureau. Translation of the other  
is being made by this office and will be furnished to the Bureau.

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1 - New York [REDACTED]  
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[redacted] also mentioned ALEXANDER BARMINE, defected former Russian General, who has been employed by Voice of America since about 1948. Source said that [redacted] stated BARMINE is a close friend of Vice President NIXON and in this particular year BARMINE may attain greater stature and importance and he therefore

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[redacted] He pointed out that [redacted]  
[redacted] is a close friend of BARMINE and is

NY's most recent information on BARMINE is that as of 1954 he was transferred to Washington, D. C. in the Russian Branch of US Information Agency.

(S) WFO requested discreetly to ascertain BARMINE's present occupation, residence address, open connection with US Government [redacted] if any. Upon receipt of above information, NYO will submit recommendations to Bureau as to possible future activity in this regard by informant.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, WFO [REDACTED]

DATE: March 10, 1971 b2 b7D

FROM : *WFO* SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: ALEXANDER G. BARMINE, AKA  
Information Concerning

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Relmemo of SA [REDACTED] 3/8/71, captioned as above.

After several previous attempts during 3/9/71, contact was established with [REDACTED] at her residence, [REDACTED] WDC, Telephone [REDACTED] at about 8:15pm, 3/9/71. We discussed the subject for some 25 minutes, during which she provided the following information: *NEW BARMINE*

At a proximately 8:30pm, Friday, 3/5/71 Barmine telephoned her, and launched into an hour and a half conversation. It began with inquiries about [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] but quickly shifted to his concern about his position at USIA, his being "knifed" by other employees, a reference to something he found out regarding his work in Government, etc. [REDACTED] suggestion that he discuss the matter with [REDACTED] Director of USIA was put aside by him, and, according to [REDACTED] he then rambled "on and on" about many matters including the recent defection attempt by the Lithuanian sailor, the articles [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and about his being followed. He asked for articles which [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] referred to himself as being a focal point- the person whom refugees contact- and ultimately insisted that [REDACTED] meet him secretly on Monday, 3/9/71, adding that he would telephone her on that date. *100-176949-45*

On Saturday or Sunday, Barmine again called her, simply to determine if the aforementioned [REDACTED] intended to come to his, Barmine's, home for dinner on Sunday. [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] was staying with [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], and that he did not

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[REDACTED] said that on Monday, 3/9/71, she received a call at about 4:00pm from Victor Vasky, who inquired if she had heard from subject, and thereafter mentioned that he had been called by Earmine, who certainly sounded "sick". She stated that they engaged in some "back and forth" on the matter after which she made a series of telephone calls to the following:

1. [REDACTED] Director, USIA ... the call was taken by [REDACTED] IPS/EO (Press and Publications) who advised the subject had not shown up for work
2. [REDACTED] who first indicated that the subject was at home, but in a later call acknowledged that he was not at home, that he seemed to be sick... and sick for some time.
3. [REDACTED] IPS/EO, USIA who could only affirm that subject had not been to work for some time.
4. The FBI
5. [REDACTED] who recommended that she stay out of the entire matter
6. The Chevy Chase, Maryland Police Department.
7. [REDACTED] Still, who indicated that she had received a call from [REDACTED] of the American Security Council, [REDACTED] IDC, Tel [REDACTED] who contended that a warrant was outstanding on Earmine because "he had cracked the skull of his wife", and was very emotional and unstable.

8. [REDACTED]

In summarizing the matter, [REDACTED] said that the subject has always been ~~is~~ chronically nervous and high strung, suspicious of being murdered and followed by Communists, and even referred to an incident where on ~~one~~ weekend trip, he made [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

She stated that her purpose in calling the FBI was simply a matter of doing what she considered the right thing, in view of Earmine's background. She acknowledged that he apparently has reached



a point of possible emotional stress. [redacted] expressed appreciation of the Bureau's interest in her concern, and indicated she would feel free to contact SA should anything within our primary jurisdiction come to her attention in the future.

On 3/9/71 SA determined that [redacted] Security, USIA, WDC, together with three others, was with Barmine at the Shoreham Hotel, WDC. On 3/10/71 [redacted] provided the following summary:

At approximately 11:45pm, 3/9/71 Barmine was voluntarily committed to George Washington Hospital, and is roomed in the psychiatric section. [redacted] went on to state that in fact his admission to the hospital was almost under duress since they had four uniformed DC police officers standing by while they were all at the Shoreham, and that the officers escorted their vehicle to the hospital. He said their session with Barmine began at about 1:45pm when the subject removed the barricade from his hotel door to admit them, and thereafter replaced the room furniture in front of the door to show how he was protecting himself. Additionally he had placed towels etc in all air vents of the room, to prohibit his being poisoned by the enemy. [redacted] went on to state that Barmine talked almost continuously during the time they were with him concerning the communists being after him, fearing for his life, that every one was hostile toward him and will not allow him to tell his story, that his secretary was a spy etc etc. [redacted] was initially accompanied by a member of his staff, a USDS doctor, and Victor Lasky. Ultimately at Lasky's insistence, [redacted] joined them at the hotel, and it was [redacted] and [redacted] who accompanied Barmine to George Washington Hospital for admission. Preliminary opinions of the attending physicians are that subject is completely paranoid, and hallucinatory.

In view of the foregoing it would appear no further action in this regard is in order.

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TO : Mr. Gale

DATE: March 9, 1971

FROM :

[Redacted]

SUBJECT:

WASHINGTON, D. C.  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

ALEXANDER G. BARMINE

At 12:05 a.m., 3/9/71, captioned individual contacted the Bureau and spoke to [Redacted] Special Investigative Division.

[Redacted] who stated she was a news correspondent, reported that one [Redacted] who resides at [Redacted] telephone [Redacted] had advised her that [Redacted] Alexander Barmine (phonetic), UROJ had "some information" and felt that he was being followed. [Redacted] stated that Barmine was a White Russian defector and [Redacted]

[Redacted] stated she thought someone should contact [Redacted] was told that her call would be made a matter of record.

## ACTION:

This memo be furnished to Crime Records and Domestic Intelligence Divisions. Washington Field Office being instructed to interview [Redacted] for complete details. They will also ascertain Barmine's address so that he can be interviewed.

- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Bishop
- 1 - Mr. Brennan
- 1 - Mr. Gale
- 1 - Mr. Eddy
- 1 - Mr. Kelliher

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1 - Mr. Cleveland  
1 - Mr. Martin  
1 - Mr. Domzalski

May 1, 1972

**ALEXANDER BARMINE**

On April 30, 1972, [redacted]

[redacted] New York, telephonically advised that he was calling concerning Alexander Barmine, whom he described as a former Soviet Ambassador who defected in 1937 and had since been employed by the Voice of America and the United States Information Agency.

He stated that Mr. Barmine has been having mental problems and has been confined either to an institution or to his home for over a year. He learned from [redacted] several days ago that Mr. Barmine had "escaped" from his house and [redacted] was anxious to have him located and returned to a mental institution. He advised he has learned that

[redacted] is presently staying at the residence of a [redacted] New York, and that Mr. Barmine wanted to speak with two journalists, [redacted]. He stated he was unable to contact [redacted] since he has gotten no response at the telephone number which he has for Mr. Barmine.

NOTE: LHM to USIA via 0-14  
See memorandum Martin to Cleveland dated 4/30/72.

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TO : SAC, Albany

DATE: 6/14/71

FROM : Director, FBI (66-18772)

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28-1090 8/4/88

SUBJECT: ESPIONAGE AND INTERNAL SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS  
(FULL UTILIZATION OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS  
AND SOURCES OF INFORMATION)

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The following changes should be made concerning  
individuals previously included in this program:

[redacted] last referred to on [redacted] of enclosure  
to Bulet [redacted] is now deceased and should be deleted from  
the program.

[redacted] last referred to on [redacted] of  
enclosure to Bulet [redacted] having recently [redacted]  
[redacted] should be deleted from the program.

If prepared, index cards concerning the above-  
mentioned individuals should be amended accordingly.

The following additional source is set forth for  
your information and use:

(S) [redacted] Washington Field

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1 - All Offices

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Letter to Albany

Re: Espionage and Internal Security Investigations  
(Full Utilization of Confidential Informants  
and Sources of Information).

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(S) Protect by T-symbol and characterize source as having  
furnished reliable information in the past. This defection is  
known publicly [redacted] (S)

(S) [redacted]

(S) [redacted] WFO has access to him, so leads to  
interview him should be directed to WFO. (S)

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DIRECTOR, FBI (66-16772)

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WFO suggests that the Bureau may desire to give  
consideration to inclusion of the following individual in  
captioned program:

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[redacted]  
(S) [redacted]

(S) [redacted] must be protected by a T-symbol and characterized as having furnished reliable information in the past. The fact that he has defected is public knowledge [redacted]

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[redacted] currently resides in the WEC area and [redacted] WFO has access to him and leads should be directed to that office. (S)

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It is suggested the Bureau advise all other offices of the above change.

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For your information, a representative in the Office of Security, U.S. Information Agency (USIA), contacted SOG 4/26/72, at which time activities essentially in conformance with those recounted in referenced airtel were furnished with request that Missing Person Notice be placed against subject's fingerprints in FBI Identification Division. Subsequent notification was received from USIA that subject had returned home, as a result of which stop was cancelled in Bureau Identification files.

The above is for your information. Since USIA, Security, at headquarters level is furnishing Bureau information it desires to be known to us, there appears to be no reason for you to maintain contact with USIA locally for specific purpose of obtaining such data.

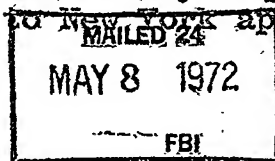
1 - New York (105-4296) (Rudolf)  
1 - WFO

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*USIA info herein is unclassified per their letter dated 11/24/89. MAC/PSK 12/10/90.*

NOTE:

Subject is former chief of Soviet desk at VOA who is apparently experiencing emotional difficulties as result of advancing age and believes that Soviets may plan some reprisals against him. Since USIA is advising SOG of any requests it might have, notification as above to New York appears appropriate.



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Date: 5/1/72

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-176949)  
 FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-69126)  
 SUBJECT: ALEXANDER G. BARMINE aka  
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On this date, [redacted] writer with  
 Radio Liberty Committee, NYC, advised of the following  
 information re the subject.

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[redacted] described BARMINE who is well known  
 to the Bureau as a former Soviet general who married into  
 the Roosevelt Family, was the Chief of the Soviet desk for  
 Voice of America and most recently, an advisor to the  
 USIA. BARMINE is 73 years of age and resides with his  
 wife and family at WDC. According to [redacted] the subject  
 has always feared reprisals by the Soviets as a result of  
 his defection to the West. BARMINE has become more  
 paranoid with age and [redacted] believes BARMINE may be in  
 need of psychiatric aid.

BARMINE contacted [redacted] home at Nyack, NY,  
 on 4/29/72, and attempted to speak to [redacted]  
 however, [redacted] was at his [redacted] On 4/30/72,  
 [redacted] received a call from a fellow worker and former  
 subordinate of the subject, [redacted] of Pelham, NY.  
 [redacted] advised that BARMINE was at his home and was still  
 attempting to contact [redacted] He indicated that BARMINE  
 had been in New Haven, Conn., when he attempted to contact  
 [redacted] on 4/29/72. [redacted] stated that BARMINE was

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 Special Agent in Charge

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incoherent and stated that he had to see [ ] of Voice of America in NYC concerning some urgent business. [ ] stated that he thought BARMINE was acting in a senile manner, as he noted that he had not been home from his family for a number of days. He also was desirous of visiting former friends in the Soviet emigre community in NYC concerning past associations.

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BARMINE was unable to contact [ ] but he did speak to [ ] who together with [ ] persuaded BARMINE to return to his family in Washington. BARMINE was put on the 9:30pm train to Washington and his wife was notified of his arrival later that evening of 4/30/72. However, she subsequently advised that upon the arrival of said train her husband could not be found and was still considered missing.

[ ] stated that he was bringing this to the attention of the Bureau because he thought that the subject's prior prominence in the USIA could be utilized by the Soviets as political ammunition in view of his present and apparent mental deficiencies.

The above information is being furnished to the Bureau strictly for information in view of BARMINE's prior position within the US Government.

The NYO will maintain contact with [ ] and will furnish further information in this matter on an expeditious basis.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Cleveland

DATE: 4/30/72

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FROM :

SUBJECT: ALEXANDER BARMINE  
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[redacted] Nyack, New York, telephone [redacted] telephonically contacted the Bureau at 11:10 a.m., 4/30/72. He advised that he

He stated he was calling concerning Alexander Barmine, 3802 Underwood Street, Chevy Chase, Maryland, who he claimed was a former Soviet Ambassador to Greece, who defected in 1937 and who had since worked for the Voice of America and the U. S. Information Agency (USIA). According to [redacted] Barmine has been having mental problems and has been confined either to an institution or to his home for over a year. He learned from [redacted] several days ago that Barmine had "escaped" from his house and that [redacted] was anxious to have him located and returned to a mental institution. [redacted] advised that he has learned that Barmine is presently staying at the residence of a [redacted] New York, and that Barmine wanted to talk to two journalists. [redacted] and [redacted] stated he had no way to get in touch with [redacted] since he has received no response at the telephone number he had for Barmine, but he felt someone should be made aware of this.

He was informed that the facts as he presented them did not indicate any violation within the Bureau's jurisdiction.

Enclosure *sent 5-1-72*

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1 - Mr. Cleveland  
1 - Mr. Martin  
1 - Mr. Domzalski  
1 - Mr. Bishop  
1 - Mr. Miller

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Memorandum to Mr. Cleveland  
RE: ALEXANDER BARMINE

Bureau files disclose that Barmine as of March, 1971, was an employee of USIA. On 3/9/71, Barmine, accompanied by USIA officials, was voluntarily committed to the George Washington University Hospital, Psychiatric Section, where he was diagnosed as paranoid and hallucinatory (100-176949).

*USIA info is unclassified per their letter dated 11/24/90. MAC/PSK 12/10/90*  
[redacted] is the subject of Bureau files 105-18032 and 123-12769. He defected from the Soviet at the end of World War II and in the past he has furnished information to the New York office.

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Attached is a letterhead memorandum for transmittal to USIA.

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May 18, 1972

TO : The Honorable  
L. Patrick Gray, III, Acting Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

FROM : Robert D. Barber *Robert D. Barber*  
Assistant Director (Security)

SUBJECT : BARMINE, Alexander  
IOS - 1085

Reference is made to your memorandum dated May 1, 1972 relating to Alexander Barmine, an employee of the U.S. Information Agency. I wish to advise that after the occurrence of several incidents which raised a serious question of Mr. Barmine's mental and emotional stability, he appeared in D.C. Superior Court and on May 4, 1972 was ordered confined to St. Elizabeth's Hospital. At that time the presiding judge indicated he would approve Barmine's transfer to a private hospital when suitable arrangements were made for appropriate hospitalization and treatment.

You will be advised of any future developments which would appear to be of interest to the Bureau.

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# Memorandum

TO : Mr. James P. Lee

FROM : W. A. Branigan

SUBJECT: ALEXANDER BARMINE  
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DATE: 11/9/73

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Captioned subject is a Soviet defector.

On November 6, 1973 [redacted]

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(S) After checking the file, I advised [redacted] that we had no information at headquarters more recent than 1972. I noted that certainly since 1971 Barmine had mental problems and had been hospitalized, and at one time committed to St. Elizabeth Hospital in Washington, D. C.

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A check was also made with [redacted] of the Washington Field Office, who in turn had a check made of the U. S. Information Agency where Barmine was formerly employed. Their records disclosed that in July of 1972, Barmine was in England and later he went to Switzerland and allegedly had returned to the U. S. in September, 1972. A pretext check at 3802 Underwood, Chevy Chase, Maryland, where Barmine was last known to reside, failed to determine he was presently at that address.

*USIA info is unclassified per their letter dated 11/24/89, mme/psk 12/10/90.*

(S) The above information was telephonically furnished [redacted] on November 8, 1973, and he stated that in view of the mental problems encountered by Barmine, he would recommend to his headquarters against his interview.

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## ACTION:

For record purposes.

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1-Mr. W. A. Branigan  
1-Mr. J. P. Lee

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1 - Mr. J. P. Lee

SAC, WFO [redacted]

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Director, FBI (100-176949)

ALEXANDER BARMINE

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ReBulet 5/28/72 to New York Office with copy to your  
office.

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A request has been received [redacted] for current  
information relating to the location and state of health of  
Barmine. The most recent information in Bureau files dated  
November, 1973, indicates that Barmine had been in Europe and  
returned to the U. S. in September, 1972. A pretext check  
was made at that time at his last known residence, 3802 Under-  
wood, Chevy Chase, Maryland, and that check failed to determine  
if he was living there.

You should attempt to determine Barmine's current  
residence and employment, and since he had mental problems in  
1971 which required his commitment to the Psychiatric Section,  
George Washington Hospital, Washington, D. C., you should also  
determine the present state of his health.

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NOTE: [redacted]

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(S) [redacted] advised SA J. P. Lee on 3/20/75 that  
his Headquarters felt that something useful might be gained from  
an interview with Alexander Barmine, a Soviet defector. He asked  
if we had any information concerning his current whereabouts.

(S) [redacted] was told that we did not have such information; however, we  
could check to determine the current state of his health and loca-  
tion. Barmine defected while in the diplomatic service of the  
Soviet Government in 1937 in Athens, Greece, and was last known  
to be employed by the Voice of America.

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RE: ALEXANDER EARMINE

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Reference is made to the request made on March 20, 1975, for information concerning the current status of the above-captioned Soviet defector.

Our investigation has revealed that Earmine retired from the U. S. Information Agency where he held the position as Branch Chief in 1969 and was subsequently hired on a three-year contract basis which expired August 31, 1972.

In 1971, the subject became extremely paranoid and at times was irrational. During March, 1971, Earmine barricaded himself in a room at the Shoreham Hotel, Washington, D. C., and as a result of this action was confined to the George Washington University Medical Center. One psychiatrist stated Earmine was suffering from a condition which resulted from a reduced flow of blood to the brain which was not unusual for a person in his age bracket. As a result of the psychiatric examination conducted at that time, it was concluded that Earmine had a serious mental condition which could affect his judgement. One doctor noted that he suffered from an extreme persecution complex and heard things which do not reflect reality. The doctor recommended psychiatric treatment for at least a period of two years.

On May 3, 1972, he attempted to take his children out of school and as a result, his wife complained to the local police. He was subsequently arrested by the Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, D. C., and charged with carrying a concealed weapon. He was confined to St. Elizabeth's Mental Hospital from May 18 until June 27, 1972, at which time he was released on his own recognizance. He did not appear in court to answer the charge of carrying a concealed weapon but went to Canada where he obtained an American passport and then traveled to Switzerland through England.

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ALEXANDER BARMINE

A check of current directories indicates that Barmine is currently residing at 3802 Underwood Street, Chevy Chase, Maryland. An automobile registered to Barmine was observed in the driveway of that address on May 20, 1975.

This is furnished to you for your information and for your consideration in determining whether further interviews with Barmine would be productive.

NOTE FOR LEGAT, LONDON:

(S) Barmine is a former Soviet diplomat who defected in Athens, Greece, in 1937 while in the diplomatic services of the Soviet Union. [REDACTED] requested information about his current physical and mental condition as well as his whereabouts in order that consideration might be given to a further interview of Barmine.

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RE BUREAU LETTER TO WFO DATED APRIL 8, 1975.

(S) REFERENCE COMMUNICATION INDICATED THAT A REQUEST HAS  
BEEN RECEIVED BY THE BUREAU [REDACTED] FOR CURRENT INFORMATION  
RELATING TO THE LOCATION AND STATE OF HEALTH OF CAPTIONED  
SOURCE.

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ON MAY 8, 1975, [REDACTED] PERSONNEL SECURITY

DIVISION, UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY, WASHINGTON, D.C.

(WDC), ADVISED THAT CAPTIONED SOURCE RETIRED FROM UNITED  
STATES INFORMATION AGENCY (USIA), WHERE HE HELD THE POSITION

OF BRANCH CHIEF, RUSSIAN SECTION, VOICE OF AMERICA. [REDACTED]

SAID THAT THE SOURCE WAS SUBSEQUENTLY HIRED ON A THREE YEAR  
CONTRACT BASIS WHICH EXPIRED ON AUGUST 31, 1972. [REDACTED]

SAID THAT IN 1971 THE SOURCE BECAME EXTREMELY PARANOID AND

AT TIMES WAS IRRATIONAL. IT WAS DECIDED THAT BECAUSE OF

HIS IRRATIC BEHAVIOR HE WOULD BE CONTINUED IN THE EMPLOYMENT

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OF USIA BUT WOULD PICK UP THE WORK AT USIA AND COMPLETE THE ASSIGNMENT AT HIS HOME.

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[ ] STATED THAT ON MAY 3, 1972 THE SOURCE WAS AGAIN SUFFERING FROM EXTREME PARANOIA AND WAS ATTEMPTING TO TAKE HIS CHILDREN OUT OF SCHOOL. [ ] SAID THE SOURCE'S WIFE COMPLAINED TO THE LOCAL POLICE THAT HE WAS ARMED AND THAT HE WAS SUBSEQUENTLY ARRESTED NEAR HIS CHILDREN'S SCHOOL BY THE METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT (MPD) AND CHARGED WITH CARRYING A CONCEALED WEAPON. THE SOURCE WAS CONFINED TO ST. ELIZABETH'S MENTAL HOSPITAL ON MAY 18, 1972 AND REMAINED THERE UNTIL JUNE 27, 1972 WHEN HE WAS RELEASED ON HIS OWN RECOGNIZANCE.

[ ] SAID THAT THE SOURCE DID NOT APPEAR IN COURT TO ANSWER THE CHARGE OF CARRYING A CONCEALED WEAPON BUT WENT TO CANADA WHERE HE OBTAINED A UNITED STATES PASSPORT THROUGH THE AMERICAN EMBASSY THERE AND THEN TRAVELED TO SWITZERLAND THROUGH ENGLAND. [ ] SAID THE SOURCE WAS CONSIDERING RESIDING IN EUROPE AND WAS ALSO CONSIDERING A DIVORCE FROM HIS WIFE. [ ] EXPLAINED THAT THE SOURCE FELT THAT HIS

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WIFE IS CONSPIRING TO HAVE HIM KILLED.

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[ ] DENOTED THAT AS OF APPROXIMATELY TWO MONTHS AGO THE SOURCE WAS BELIEVED TO BE LIVING AT 3802 UNDERWOOD STREET, IN CHEVY CHASE, MARYLAND, AND MAY BE LIVING WITH HIS WIFE AT THAT ADDRESS.

[ ] SAID THAT IN THE SOURCE'S SECURITY FILE IT WAS NOTED THAT DURING MARCH, 1971, WHILE SUFFERING FROM PARANOIA THE SOURCE BARRICADED HIMSELF IN A ROOM AT THE SHOREHAM HOTEL. AS A RESULT OF THIS ACTION, THE SOURCE WAS CONFINED TO THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER WHERE HE WAS EXAMINED BY SEVERAL PSYCHIATRISTS. ONE PSYCHIATRIST, DOCTOR [ ] STATED THAT THE SOURCE WAS SUFFERING FROM THE CONDITION AS A RESULT OF REDUCED FLOW OF BLOOD TO THE BRAIN. DOCTOR [ ] NOTED THAT THIS WAS NOT UNUSUAL FOR A PERSON IN THE SOURCE'S AGE BRACKET. DOCTOR [ ] NOTED THAT THE SOURCE'S CONDITION SHOULD IMPROVE WITH REST AND TREATMENT.

AN ASSOCIATE OF DOCTOR [ ] ONE DOCTOR [ ]

[ ] GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL, CONDUCTED AN EXTENSIVE PSYCHIATRIC EXAMINATION

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OF THE SOURCE AND CONCLUDED THAT THE SOURCE POSSESSED A SERIOUS MENTAL CONDITION THAT WOULD AFFECT HIS JUDGEMENT. DOCTOR

[ ] SAID THAT THE SOURCE SUFFERS AN EXTREME PERSECUTION COMPLEX AND HEARS AND SEES THINGS THAT DO NOT REFLECT REALITY.

DOCTOR [ ] CONCLUDED THAT THE SOURCE SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO RETURN TO WORK UNLESS HE WAS UNDER CONSTANT PSYCHIATRIC

CARE. DOCTOR [ ] FELT THAT THE SOURCE SHOULD BE FORCED

TO FOLLOW THE TREATMENT AND THAT THE PSYCHIATRIC TREATMENT

SHOULD BE CONDITIONAL UPON HIS RETURN TO WORK. DOCTOR [ ]

FURTHER CONCLUDED THAT THE PSYCHIATRIC TREATMENT WOULD INCLUDE

CONDITIONING THE SOURCE FOR RETIREMENT. DOCTOR [ ]

FELT THAT THE PSYCHIATRIC TREATMENT SHOULD BE CONTINUOUS FOR

AT LEAST TWO YEARS. DOCTOR [ ] STATED THAT THE SOURCE

COULD APPEAR TO BE RATIONAL AT ANY TIME AND HAVE THIS EX-

TREME MENTAL CONDITION REOCCUR WITHOUT WARNING.

[ ] NOTED THAT ONE DOCTOR [ ] A CONSULTANT

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EXAMINED THE RESULTS OF THE EXAMINATION OF DOCTOR [ ]

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AND [REDACTED] AND CONCLUDED THAT THE SOURCE SUFFERED AN ACUTE EPISODE THAT MAY HAVE BEEN THE RESULT OF HARDENING OF THE ARTERIES OR A PROSTATE GLAND CONDITION.

[REDACTED] STATED THAT ON MAY 15, 1971, A DOCTOR [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] N.W., WDC, A PRIVATE PSYCHIATRIST, EXAMINED THE SOURCE FOR A TWO HOUR PERIOD AND CONCLUDED THAT HE COULD OBSERVE NO BRAIN DAMAGE BEYOND WHAT CAN BE EXPECTED FOR A PERSON WHO HAS REACHED THE AGE OF THE SOURCE. [REDACTED] CONCLUDED THAT THE SOURCE WAS SUFFERING FROM PHYSICAL AND MENTAL EXHAUSTION AND THAT HIS CURRENT MENTAL HEALTH (MAY 15, 1971) WAS GOOD. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] RECOMMENDED THAT THE SOURCE BE RETURNED TO WORK.

ON APRIL 22, 1975 SC [REDACTED] CAUSED A SEARCH TO BE MADE OF THE FILES OF THE CREDIT BUREAU INCORPORATED WDC, WHICH REVEALED A FILE FOR THE SOURCE LISTING HIS EMPLOYMENT AS BRANCH CHIEF, VOICE OF AMERICA, LAST KNOWN ADDRESS AS 3802 UNDERWOOD STREET, CHEVY CHASE, MARYLAND, 20015.

ON APRIL 22, 1975 SC [REDACTED] CAUSED A SEARCH TO BE MADE OF THE FILES OF THE MPD, WDC, WHICH REVEALED THAT THE FILES DO CONTAIN A RECORD FOR THE SOURCE

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UNDER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER 259443 WHICH IS CURRENTLY OUT OF FILE FOR MICRO-FICHE COPYING.

ON APRIL 22, 1975, SC [ ] SEARCHED THE FILES OF THE UNITED STATES PARK POLICE, WDC, AND NO IDENTIFIABLE ADULT CRIMINAL OR TRAFFIC RECORD COULD BE LOCATED CONCERNING THE SOURCE.

ON APRIL 23, 1975 SC [ ] CAUSED A SEARCH TO BE MADE OF THE FILES OF THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND, POLICE DEPARTMENT, AND WAS ADVISED ON THAT DATE THAT NO IDENTIFIABLE CRIMINAL RECORD COULD BE LOCATED CONCERNING THE SOURCE.

ON APRIL 23, 1975, SC [ ] CAUSED A SEARCH TO BE MADE OF THE FILES OF THE PRINCE GEORGES COUNTY, MARYLAND, POLICE DEPARTMENT, AND WAS ADVISED ON THAT DATE THAT NO IDENTIFIABLE CRIMINAL RECORD COULD BE LOCATED CONCERNING THE SOURCE.

ON APRIL 25, 1975 SC [ ] CAUSED A SEARCH TO BE MADE OF THE FILES OF THE UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE, DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY, WDC, AND WAS ADVISED THAT NO

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RECORD WAS FOUND CONCERNING THE SOURCE.

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ON MAY 20, 1975, SPECIAL AGENTS OF THE WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE OBSERVED A LATE MODEL DODGE DART, FOUR DOOR, GREEN IN COLOR, BEARING CURRENT MARYLAND LICENSE [REDACTED] PARKED IN THE DRIVEWAY OF THE RESIDENCE LOCATED AT 3802 UNDERWOOD STREET, CHEVY CHASE, MARYLAND. A WALES CHECK OF THIS LICENSE REVEALED IT IS REGISTERED TO ALEXANDER GREGORY BARMINE, 3802 UNDERWOOD STREET, CHEVY CHASE MARYLAND.

A CHECK OF THE UNITED STATES POST OFFICE, CHEVY CHASE, MARYLAND ON MAY 20, 1975 REVEALED THAT ALEXANDER G. BARMINE IS CURRENTLY RECEIVING MAIL AT 3802 UNDERWOOD STREET, CHEVY CHASE, MARYLAND.

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IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT ALEXANDER G. BARMINE LAST KNOWN DOCUMENTED MENTAL AND PHYSICAL CONDITION HAS BEEN RECEIVED AND SET FORTH AND HIS CURRENT RESIDENCE ESTABLISHED, UACB //

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